



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher, the United States Secret Service, and the Lincoln Police Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Today, Melanie Bermunez was sentenced to a 18 month term of imprisonment by Senior United States District Court Judge Warren K. Urbom, following her conviction for Manufacturing Counterfeit Currency. In addition to the prison term, Bermunez was ordered to serve a 2 year term of supervised release, and pay restitution and a special assessment. Bermunez was convicted of passing \$300.00 in counterfeit ten dollar bills and attempting to pass the bills for goods in Lincoln, Nebraska in October of 2007.

Name of Defendant: Melanie Bermunez

AKA:

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Passing Counterfeit Currency in violation of Title 18, U.S.C. Section 472. Maximum penalty is up to 20 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both, up to 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Denver, Colorado

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: \$300

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Paul Keating

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: October 15, 2007

Federal Arrest Date: July 4, 2008

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: April 24, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: August 27, 2008

Plea or Trial and Date(s): February 9, 2009

Sentencing Date: April 29, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge:

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Warren K. Urbom

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